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Thank you for keeping me up to date on your activities. As to your May 6, 1999 letter about the 1804 dollar I will try to answer your questions.

There is no exact record as to when the 1804 presentation coins were struck, but two sets were first ordered and then two more. How much time between orders and completion can be only a month or two at most but I do not know why this is of major importance. Tell me why? Perhaps they were all made at one time when sailing time was planned for spring.

Adam Eckfeldt would not have remembered in 1834 what dates were on coins struck over 30 years before hand. Nobody cared about dates. He probably used the records and picked the last date the records said both 1804 dollars and 1804 eagles had been issued. He would not make an 1805 dollar and an 1804 eagle for a set as that would obviously give away what was being done.

He could not find dies for either 1804 but he or someone else did find the punches to make new dies. He knew he was doing something a little wrong but thought it was unimportant. He covered it up by his illustration in his 1842 publication, using the records as his justification. I have no reason to believe the production of 1804 pieces had anything to do with Moore's replacement. No one objected or even commented on the sets.

In my last COAC article I tried to show it was too much trouble to make an 1834 dollar or 1834 eagle and it would open a can of worms if they did. The new mint was completed before the problem arose.

Dave seems to hesitate to say anything may which might hurt the sales value of 1804 dollars and that may be merely his point of view. You and I may say what we please as long as it is factual.

I look forward to your talk in Chicago. I will be teaching in Colorado Springs and in New York this summer for a few days.

Keep the pot boiling.

